

# PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS IN ASIA

(JANUARY-JUNE 2020)

## NUMBER OF INCIDENTS

**51** 50 actual incidents  
1 attempted incident

**49** armed robbery  
against ships

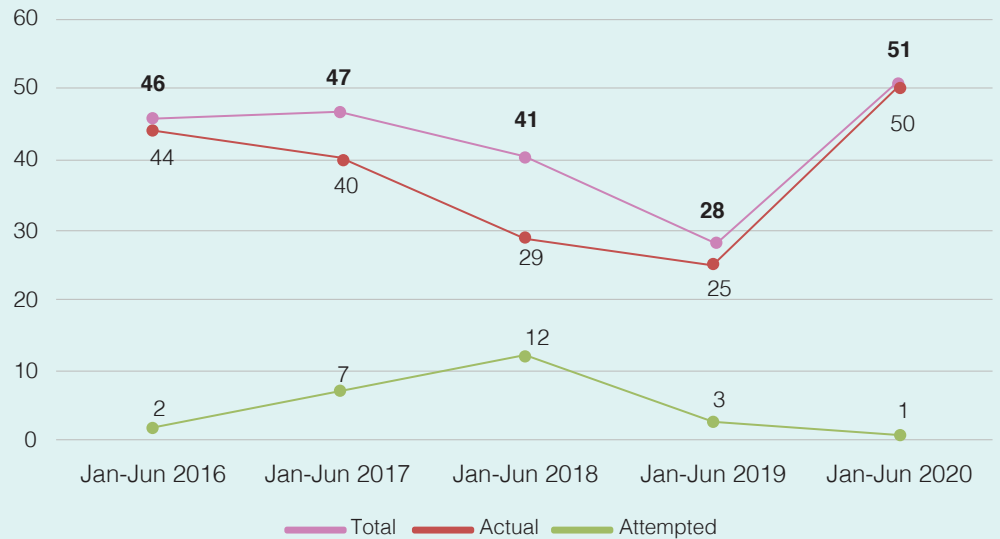
**2** piracy

Compared to  
January-June 2019,

**Almost  
2-Fold**

Increase in total  
number of incidents

## Number of incidents (January-June of 2016-2020)



## STATUS OF SHIP

**61%**

31 Incidents on board ships  
at **anchor/berth**

**39%**

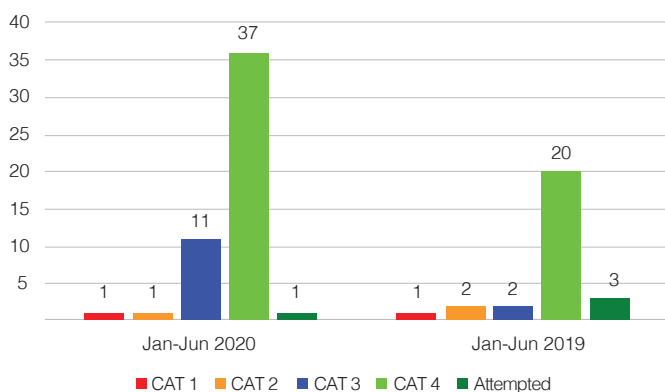
20 Incidents on board ships  
while **underway**

## SEVERITY OF INCIDENTS

- > 1 x CAT 1 incident (abduction of crew)
- > 1 x CAT 2 incident (lowest number among Jan-Jun of 2007-2020)
- > Increase in number of CAT 3 incidents
- > 74% are CAT 4 incidents

## JANUARY-JUNE 2020 COMPARED TO JANUARY-JUNE 2019

### Severity of Incidents



**Increase of  
Incidents in**

**Mostly at ports/anchorages:**  
Bangladesh, India, Indonesia,  
the Philippines and Vietnam

**Mostly while underway:**  
Singapore Strait and  
South China Sea

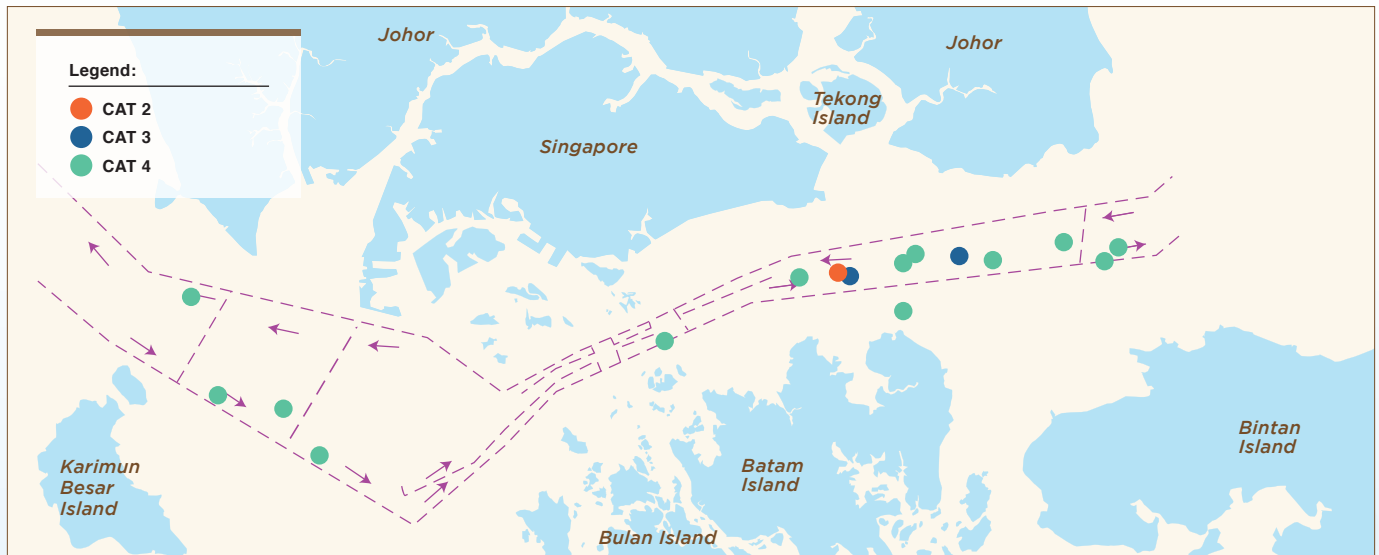


**Improvement  
& Arrests**

**Improvement at ports/anchorages:**  
China

**Arrests of perpetrators in**  
Bangladesh, India, Indonesia and  
Singapore Strait

# SITUATION IN THE SINGAPORE STRAIT



**16**  
INCIDENTS

- 13 occurred in eastbound lane of Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS)
- 1 occurred in westbound lane of TSS
- 1 occurred just outside (south) of TSS
- 1 occurred in precautionary area

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Littoral States to increase patrols and enforcement.
- Strengthen coordination and promote information sharing among littoral States.
- Ships to exercise enhanced vigilance and report all incidents to nearest coastal State immediately

## ABDUCTION OF CREW IN SULU-CELEBES SEAS AND WATERS OFF EASTERN SABAH

- Abduction of crew from fishing trawler off Eastern Sabah, Malaysia on 17 Jan
- 5 crew held in captivity

### EFFORTS BY AUTHORITIES



Arrested 3 members of Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) in Sabah by Malaysian authorities



Military operations against the ASG by the Philippine authorities

### Status of abducted crew (as of 30 Jun 20)

**86** Crew Abducted Since Mar 2016  
**71** Release/Rescued  
**10** Killed/Died  
**5** In captivity

### Warning & Advisory

#### The risk of abduction of crew is high

- Occurrence of abduction of crew on 17 Jan
- Information of planned kidnapping in Sabah and Semporna, Malaysia targeting foreigners and crew of ships passing by the Tawi-Tawi and Sabah waters.

#### ReCAAP ISC Advisory to ships to re-route where possible, otherwise:

- Exercise enhanced vigilance
- Adopt piracy countermeasures to mitigate risk
- Maintain comms with authorities
- Make timely report to national reporting centres (as shown on right)

Refer to **Guidance on the Abduction of Crew in the Sulu-Celebes Seas and Waters off Eastern Sabah**

### CONTACT DETAILS OF REPORTING CENTRES

#### PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD DISTRICT

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